



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Regular Meetings: First, Second, and Third Tuesday of each month. Location of meeting is specified below.  
Teleconference Only - No Physical Location

**Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2022**

9:03 AM Call meeting to Order by Chair Gardner

*Supervisors Present: Corless, Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz and Peters (all attended via teleconference).*

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Peters

Chair Gardner

"It's not about 'what can I accomplish?' but 'what do I want to accomplish?' Paradigm shift."

- Brene Brown

**1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

- No one to address the Board.

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**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Departments: Social Services, Wild Iris, and Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC)

(Michelle Raust, Social Services; Courtney Powell-Walsh, CAPC; Caitlin Rea, Wild Iris) -

Proposed resolution: To proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**Michelle Raust, Social Services:**

- Introduced Item
- Recognized Courtney
- Children's Summit – July 13

**Courtney Powell-Walsh, CAPC:**

- Presented Item

**Chair Gardner:**

- Read Proclamation

**Supervisor Peters and Duggan:**

- Thanked staff

**Barbara Keller, Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Counsel and CASA of Eastern Sierra (Court Appointed Special Advocate)**

- Gives background of CASA

**Action:** Adopted proclamation.

**Corless motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-068**

**B. Recognizing Milestone Anniversaries of County Colleagues**

Departments: CAO

(Robert Lawton; Various Department Heads) - Recognize those County employees who reached milestone work anniversaries (5-year increments) during the calendar year 2021. County employees reaching milestone anniversaries during 2022 will be recognized on April 19.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Presented Item
- Presented Milestone to Department Heads and Staff

**Chair Gardner:**

- Presented Supervisor Corless – 5 years

**Wendy Sugimura, Director Community Development**

- Presented Michael Draper

**Stacey Simon, County Counsel:**

- Presented Anne Frievalt – 5 years

**Chief Chris Mokracek, EMS**

- Presented Milestone Staff

**Gerald Frank, Treasure/Tax Collector**

- Presented Finance Department Milestones

**Nate Greenberg, IT Director**

- Presented Milestone Staff

**Karin Humiston, Chief of Probation**

- Presented Milestone Staff

**Bryan Wheeler, Director Public Health**

- Presented Milestone Staff

**Kevin Julian, Roads Operations Superintendent**

- Presented Milestone for Roads Staff & Facilities Staff

**Sheriff Braun:**

- Presented Milestone Staff

**Kathy Peterson, Director Social Services**

- Presented Milestone Staff

**Action:** Conducted recognition ceremony.

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

CAO Report regarding Board Assignments

Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding work activities.

**Robert C. Lawton, CAO:**

- Interviews for HR – Generalist
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Preparation
- Strategic Planning
- 22-23 Budget Development with staff
- Has been appointed as a board member for CAL- ICMA – County Management Association
- Governance Workshops – last week
- Thanked the members of the Board, County Counsel Simon, Babs Kavanaugh, and Davis Campbell
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### **4. DEPARTMENT/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Receive brief oral report on emerging issues and/or activities.

**Stacy Simon, County Counsel**

- Update - Litigation against the City of Los Angeles and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP): Date set for oral arguments 4/26/2022 at 10:50am
- They have fully briefed the case; this is the appeal filed by LADWP following Mono Counties success in the trial court

## 5. CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

**Duggan motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

### M22-070

#### A. Long Valley Hydrologic Monitoring Funding Agreements

(Nick Criss, Code Enforcement Officer) - Joint funding agreement between Mono County and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and corresponding reimbursement agreement between Mono County and Ormat Nevada, Inc. pertaining to Long Valley hydrological monitoring activities conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) as required by various conditions of approval for Ormat geothermal operations in Long Valley.

**Action:** Approved, and authorized Community Development Director to sign, Joint Funding Agreement with USGS and reimbursement agreement between Ormat and Mono County to fund hydrological monitoring activities for November 1, 2021, through October 31, 2022 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$112,103.

**Fiscal Impact:** Minor costs for staff time, which are provided for in the Community Development Department budgets. The proposed agreement commits Ormat to fund \$112,103 in hard costs for the FY 21-22 USGS well monitoring program.

**Duggan motion. Kreitz seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

### M22-069

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- No one called in

Direction may be given to staff regarding, and/or the Board may discuss, any item of correspondence listed on the agenda.

## 7. REGULAR AGENDA - MORNING

#### A. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO, Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director, Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer) - Update on Countywide response and planning related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Action:** None.

**Bryan Wheeler, Public Health Director:**

- Introduced and Presented Item
- COVID – Boosters:
  1. Anyone 50 and above are eligible 4<sup>th</sup> Booster
  2. Vons, Rite Aid, and CVS are all providing Booster
  3. Behavioral Health – doing vaccines in the office (Civic Center
  4. Sunday – did 38 vaccinations
  5. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 3pm will be in Bridgeport, offering vaccination and testing

**Supervisor Peters:**

- Asked Bryan to provide information on the COVID – Booster

**Dr. Caryn Slack, Public Health Officer**

- Explains booster and current situation/timeline in the County

**B. Budget Adjustments for Board Approval**

Departments: CAO, Finance

(John Craig Assistant CAO; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant III) - This item is to approve Mid-Year budget adjustments which were requested by Public Works and the Sheriff's Department as part of the Mid-Year Budget process but were not included in the presentation of Mid-Year adjustments on February 22, 2022. We are presenting them today because they were not presented to the Board at that time.

**Action:** Approved proposed budget adjustments. (4/5ths vote required)

**John Craig, A CAO:**

- Introduced and presented item

**Duggan motion. Peters seconded.**

**Vote: 5 yes, 0 no**

**M22-070**

**C. Mono County Budget Policy**

Departments: CAO, Finance

(Robert C. Lawton, CAO; John Craig, A CAO; Megan Mahaffey, Accountant III) - Review and discuss changes to current policy for 2022-2023 Budget development.

**Action:** Adopted revisions to Budget Policy for 2022-2023.

**John Craig, ACAO:**

- Introduced and presented item
- “Track changes” were lost in updated document– presented the track changes
- Sending track changes today to the Board

**Supervisor Corless:**

- Asked if Board could be provided with track changes and vote on item next week
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**Item will be brought back before the Board next week**

**D. Mountain View Fire Update and Review of Emergency Declarations**

(Justin Nalder, MVF EOC Director) - Review of continuing need for Board of Supervisor's November 17, 2020, Declaration of Local Emergency of and Mono County Health Officer's November 19, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency for the Mountain View Fire.

**Action:** Heard report from Incident Command and involved staff regarding status of Mountain View Fire response and recovery efforts. Find that there is a need to continue the local state of emergency declared on November 17, 2020, and/or the local health emergency declared on November 19, 2020 (ratified by the Board on November 24, 2020).

**Justin Nalder, MVF EOC Director**

- Presented Item
- No Official word on cause of fire

**Peters motion. Duggan seconded.**

**Vote: 5yes, 0 no**

**M22-071**

**E. Workshop Re Mono County Code Chapter 20.10 (Open Range)**

- Item to be heard at a later date

Departments: County Counsel

(Nate Reade, Agricultural Commissioner; Stacey Simon, County Counsel) - Presentation by staff regarding potential updates to the recently enacted Mono County Code Chapter 20.10 ("Open Range") to substitute maps for legal descriptions and Access Point Name (APN) and verify that lands originally designated as not primarily for grazing in 1979 and/or 1987 are appropriately excluded from open range designation.

**Action:** None.

**County Counsel Simon:**

- Clarifies reasons for the Item not being heard today
- Unsure of when this will be presented to the Board

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## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Closed Session: 10:50 AM*

*Reconvened: 11:17 AM*

### **A. Closed Session - Labor Negotiations**

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): Bob Lawton, Stacey Simon, Janet Dutcher, John Craig, Patty Francisco, and Oliver Yee. Employee Organization(s): Mono County Sheriff's Officers Association (aka Deputy Sheriff's Association), Local 39 - majority representative of Mono County Public Employees (MCPE) and Deputy Probation Officers Unit (DPOU), Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association (PARA), Mono County Correctional Deputy Sheriffs' Association. Unrepresented employees: All.

### **B. Closed Session - Public Employee Evaluation**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Government Code section 54957. Title: County Administrative Officer.

### **C. Closed Session - Initiation of Litigation**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

**THE AFTERNOON SESSION WILL RECONVENE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION OR, IF TIME ALLOWS, ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN UP DURING THE MORNING SESSION PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION.**

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## **11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

The Board may, if time permits, take Board Reports at any time during the meeting and not at a specific time.

### **Supervisor Kreitz:**

- March 30, I attended a meeting of the CoC Board. Our tri-counties have a CoC administrative entity - IMACA - until April 15th. After that, we don't know who the administrative entity will be. The CoC is meeting today with HUD technical advisors and have another meeting scheduled next week with the stakeholders.
- Housing: MLH had a special, emergency board meeting late last month to approve a revised resolution for the 2019 HOME application to fund the development of the Access Apartments. Last week, I was at the Housing California Annual Housing Conference. Attendance afforded me the opportunity to express advocacy for the MLH and Town application for Homekey funds directly to the HCD Homekey director and learn more directly about the program and its future.
- LTC - Public Hearing on the annual unmet transit needs. The Commission is working to update their handbook/bylaws to better reflect the current staffing of the Commission. Community Development Director Wendy Sugimura is to become the new LTC co-executive director. Updated funding allocation for the current year Overall Work Program (OWP) and reviewed the draft 2022-2023 OWP. We reviewed the MOUs between Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties. Update on FLAP project in Reds Meadow - will begin removing trees this fall and road construction in 2023. Yosemite National Park - Tuolumne Meadows campground reconstruction - 304 camp sites with no net change in the number of sites, furnishing, bathrooms, utilities and roads - through the 2023 construction season... won't impact the road traffic. Campground is closed for the next two season. May of 2024 anticipated to open. Two other projects - water laterals and wastewater treatment facility starting over the next few years. The Tioga Road rehab project - between Olmstead point and the eastern park entrance- adding parking areas, repaving the road, one-for-one parking replacement - parking along the road will be removed and it will be a challenging year for visitors due to the new parking areas still coming online- the YNPS is doing the best they can.

### **Chair Gardner:**

- On Wednesday, April 6 I attended the annual meeting of the Mono County Law Library Board. We reviewed and approved continued library support for legal resources for our residents and businesses.
- Also, on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> I participated in a meeting of the Substance Abuse Project Task Force. We heard about ongoing programs aimed at reducing substance abuse in our region.
- On the 6<sup>th</sup> I also participated in a meeting about dispersed camping at Grant Lake this summer. The USFS is considering closing the south portion of Grant Lake to day and overnight use based on the impact and current regulations about camping close to bodies of water. More information will be provided on this soon.
- Finally, on the 6<sup>th</sup> I participated in the monthly meeting of the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. Topics at that meeting included the status of cross walks for Rt. 158 in the Village, and the June Lake Active Transportation Plan.

- On April 7 and 8 I attended with my colleagues the Governance Workshop in Bridgeport. I found our time quite useful in helping us do a better job as Supervisors.
- On Friday, April 8 I participated in a meeting of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments. Topics at that meeting included several economic development projects and future ESCOG activities.
- Also, on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> I participated in the monthly meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board. Topics at that meeting included regular operations and financial reports, and the ongoing ESTA Short Range Transit Plan.
- Yesterday I chaired the regular quarterly meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transit Board of Directors meeting. Topics at that meeting included an update from the Park, approval of various contracts, and a discussion of the 2022-2023 YARTS Budget. Unlike ESTA, YARTS does not have much budget reserves, and will be facing some difficult decisions in the next few years due to limited revenue sources.

### **Supervisor Duggan:**

- Thanks Supervisor Kreitz and Peters for attending the LTC meeting, she was unable to attend
- Thanks CAO Lawton and facilitators for the Governance Workshop Meetings

### **Supervisor Peters:**

- LTC Meeting – The Red Meadows Grant Program when it is complete will hand over to the town ownership of the new road. Construction to begin 2023
- Attended the Antelope Valley RPAC
- Next week is the CSAC Legislative Conference – one item is the Cannabis Issues and what the state is doing to move forward and how to reform the tax situation

### **Supervisor Corless:**

- Attend the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) – Regional Economic Initiatives
- Attended the Yosemite Area Regional Transit Board of Directors meeting
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting – Updates on Department activities: May 3<sup>rd</sup> will hear about the Metal Health Awareness Month Activities
- Behavioral Health Advisory Board Meeting – still recruiting new members

**ADJOURN AT 11:18 AM**

**ATTEST**

*Bob Gardner*

Bob Gardner (Aug 21, 2022 17:26 PDT)

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**BOB GARDNER**  
**CHAIR OF THE BOARD**



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**DANIELLE PATRICK**  
**SENIOR DEPUTY CLERK – ELECTIONS ASSISTANT**